(a) what are the names and details of new schemes introduced|promoted by Small Industries Development Bank of India under the New Industrial Policy for small sector announced to generate higher growth rate of employment and to eradicate poverty;

(b) whether such schemes qualify for 100 per cent refinance through SFC and Schedule Banks; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In December, 1991, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) introduced a scheme for Direct assistance to ancillary/sub-contracting units to encourage existing ancillary and sub-contracting units to undertake modernisation programme to meet the quality and competitiveness expected of their products. In addition, the scope of existing schemes like the National Equity Fund Scheme (NEFS) and the Single Window Scheme (SWS) has been enlarged.

(b) and (c) The assistance by way of equity and term loan granted by the SFCs and SIDBI under NEFS is eligible for 100 per cent refinance from SIDBI. The equity type of assistance granted by banks under the scheme is also eligible for 100 per cent refinance from SIDBI.

Assistance granted under SWS by SFCs and twin function IDCs upto Rs. 10 lakhs covered under the Automatic Refinance Scheme is eligible for 100 per cent. refinance. The loans for working capital under, SWS extended by SFCs and SIDCs is also eligible for 100 per cent refinance. The extent of refinance under other schemes is 75 per cent.

In respect of commercial banks, while terms loan granted to units under SWS are eligible for refinance upto 75 per cent of the amount of loan, the working capital assistance by way of cash credit facility is refinanced to the extent of 50 per cent of the limits sanctioned to the eligible units.

Scheme introduced by SIDBI for direct financial assistance for ancillaries

823. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Small Industrial Development Bank of India has introduced a new scheme of direct financial assistance for development of ancillaries;

(b) if so, what are the details of the said scheme, serial-wise;

(c) whether the new scheme referred in part (a) above has special attraction for entrepreneurs for easy liquidity of financial assistance without much formalities; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme for Direct Assistance to Ancillary|Sub-contracting units has been introduced by SIDBI in December, 1991 with the objective of encouraging existing ancillary|sub-contracting units linked to well established mother units, marketing organisations or export houses in private sector located in areas outside the jurisdiction of big metropolitan cities, to adopt improved|updated technology, improve their product quality, diversify product-range and improve marketing and exports on the basis of the recommendations of their mother units. The project may include need based additions or modifications to building, plant and machinery, miscellaneous assets and margin money for working capital. The promoters are required to bring in a minimum 25 per cent of project cost and the project will be considered on a debt-equity ratio of 3:1. Part of the equity|promoters contribution could be contributed by the mother unit The rate of interest would be the prevailing rate of interest of SIDBI, depending upon the amount of term loan, and the repayment period would be upto 8 years inclusive of a moratorium of one year.

(c) and (d) The Scheme is considered attractive to many entrepreneurs as they can approach SIDBI directly for financial assistance, in addition to their option to avail of term loans from Banks/SFCs under the refinance scheme of SIDBI. Under the scheme, the project would be considered on a debt-equity ratio of 3:1 which is considered very liberal. For quick processing of applications, the sponsoring unit may consolidate applications from ancillaries and forward them to one of the regional/branch offices of SIDBI located all over the country. The procedure for disbursement is simple and linked to the amount spent by ancillary units towards implementation of the project.

Committee on staff strength of Finance Ministry Departments

824. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details of recommendations made by a Committee headed by Geetha Krishnan, former expenditure Secretary regarding staff strength of Costs and Accounts and other Finance Ministry Departments;

(b) what are the recommendations which have been accepted by Government and implemented; and

(c) what are the recommendations which have not been implemented and what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) No such Committee headed by Shri Geetha Krishnan, former Secretary (Expenditure), was set up to assess the staff strength in the Cost and Accounts Branch and other Departments of the Ministry of Finance. However, effecting economy in expenditure, including the review of staff strength, is an ongoing and continuous exercise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Listing of Public Sector Shares in Stock Exchanges

825. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are permitting listing of shares of Public Sector Companies in Stock Exchanges;

(b) whether Government have carried out the Inventory of such Public Sector Undertakings; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government have recently issued guidelines to Stock Exchanges permitting the listing of the securities of Public Sector Enterprises, whose shares have been disinvested by the Government in favour of investment institutions and Mutual Funds in the Public Sector.

(b) and (c) Department of Public Enterprises have informed us that they regularly monitor the performance of Central Public Sector Enterprises and present a Public Enterprises Survey in Parliament every year. So far disinvestment of shares in 31 Central Public Sector Enterprises have been made by the Government.

826. [*Transferred to the 9th March*, 1992.]

Recovery of amount from sick small scale units

827. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme on the basis of the recommendations of the Narsimham Committee to declare sick small scale industrial unit as bankrupt in order to recover the amount blocked in such units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI